

1. (AS ONCE AMENDED) A document review apparatus comprising:
a communication unit connected to a network and performing communication with other devices;
a memory unit;
a determination unit which determines, based on information received from said communication unit, whether the information is information holding evaluations and/or comments relating to contents of a reviewed form reviewed by reviewers;
a storing control unit which stores information, which has been determined by the determination unit to be information holding evaluations and/or comments relating to contents of a reviewed form, as collected evaluations and/or comments in said memory unit; and
a creating unit which creates a single review result information based on the collected evaluations and/or comments when a predetermined number of evaluations and/or comments have been stored in said memory unit.

2. (AS ONCE AMENDED) A document review apparatus comprising:
a communication unit connected to a network and performing communication with other devices;
a first memory unit which stores a reviewed form which is to be reviewed by a plurality of reviewers;
a second memory unit;
a determination unit which determines, based on information received from said communication unit, whether the information is information holding evaluations and/or comments relating to contents of a reviewed form reviewed by the reviewers;
a storing control unit which stores information, which has been determined by the determination unit to be information holding evaluations and/or comments relating to contents of a reviewed form, as collected evaluations and/or comments in said second memory unit;
a creating unit which creates statistical data relating to the collected evaluated and/or comments when a predetermined number of evaluation and/or comments from the plurality of reviewers have been stored in said second memory unit; and
an updating unit which updates the contents of the reviewed form stored in said first memory unit by using the statistical data created by said creating unit.

4. (AS ONCE AMENDED) The document review apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:

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a display unit displaying textual information; and
an input unit inputting commands, wherein
said updating unit including,

a display control unit which allows said display unit to display the contents of the reviewed form stored in said first memory unit in a format enabling an update result using statistical data created by said creating unit to be understood; and

a contents updating unit which updates the contents of the reviewed form stored in said first memory unit based on a command which is input via said input unit while said display control unit is controlling the display.

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6. (AS ONCE AMENDED) A document review system comprising:
a plurality of document review apparatuses; and
a network which connects said plurality of document review apparatuses, wherein each document review apparatus comprises,
a communication unit connected to a network and performing communication with other devices;
a memory unit;
a determination unit which determines, based on information received from said communication unit, whether the information is information holding evaluations and/or comments relating to contents of a reviewed form reviewed by reviewers;
a storing control unit which stores information, which has been determined by the determination unit to be information holding evaluations and/or comments relating to contents of a reviewed form, as collected evaluations and/or comments in said memory unit; and
a creating unit which creates a single review result information based on the collected evaluations and/or comments when a predetermined number of evaluations and/or comments have been stored in said memory unit.

7. (AS ONCE AMENDED) A document review system comprising:
a plurality of document review apparatuses; and
a network which connects said plurality of document review apparatuses, wherein each document review apparatus comprises,
a communication unit connected to a network and performing communication with other devices;
a first memory unit which stores a reviewed form which is to be reviewed by a plurality of

reviewers;

a second memory unit;

a determination unit which determines, based on information received from said communication unit, whether the information is information holding evaluations and/or comments relating to contents of a reviewed form reviewed by the reviewers;

a storing control unit which stores information, which has been determined by the determination unit to be information holding evaluations and/or comments relating to contents of a reviewed form, as collected evaluations and/or comments in said second memory unit;

a creating unit which creates statistical data relating to the collected evaluations and/or comments when a predetermined number of evaluations and/or comments from the plurality of reviewers have been stored in said second memory unit; and

an updating unit which updates the contents of the reviewed form stored in said first memory unit by using the statistical data created by said creating unit.

8. (AS ONCE AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium which stores programs allowing a computer to operate as a document review apparatus, said document review apparatus including,

a communication unit connected to a network and performing communication with other devices;

a memory unit;

a determination unit which determines, based on information received from said communication unit, whether the information is information holding evaluations and/or comments relating to contents of a reviewed form reviewed by reviewer;

a storing control unit which stores information, which has been determined by the determination unit to be information holding evaluations and/or comments relating to contents of a reviewed form, as collected evaluations and/or comments in said memory unit; and

a creating unit which creates a single review result information based on the collected evaluations and/or comments when a predetermined number of evaluations and/or comments have been stored in said memory unit.

9. (AS ONCE AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium which stores programs allowing a computer to operate as a document review apparatus, said document review apparatus including,

a communication unit connected to a network and performing communication with other

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devices;

a first memory unit which stores a reviewed form which is to be reviewed by a plurality of reviewers;

a second memory unit;

a determination unit which determines, based on information received from said communication unit, whether the information is information holding evaluations and/or comments relating to contents of a reviewed form to be reviewed;

a storing control unit which stores information, which has been determined by the determination unit to be information holding evaluation and/or comments relating to contents of a reviewed form, as collected evaluations and/or comments in said second memory unit;

a creating unit which creates statistical data relating to the collected evaluations and/or comments when a predetermined number of evaluations and/or comments from the plurality of reviewers have been stored in said second memory unit; and

an updating unit which updates the contents of the reviewed form stored in said first memory unit by using the statistical data created by said creating unit.

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10. (AS ONCE AMENDED) A computer system, comprising:

a programmed processor to store a document, to transmit the document to users that review the document via a network, to receive document evaluations and/or comments from the users via the network, to generate statistical data based upon the evaluations and/or comments, and to update the document based upon the statistical data.

REMARKS

In the final Office Action mailed January 11, 2002, claims 1, 6 and 8 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Cahill (US Patent No. 5,940,844); claims 2, 4, 5, 7 and 9-10 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cahill in view of Mahmood (US Patent No. 5,091,727); and claim 3 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cahill as modified by Mahmood and further in view of Linstead (US Patent No. 5,548,753).

In the final Office Action mailed January 11, 2002, the Examiner noted that claims 1-10 were pending and rejected claims 1-10. Thus, claims 1-10 remain pending for reconsideration, which is requested.

The forgoing rejections are respectfully traversed. No new matter has been added in this